Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 28 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 29 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021 at 14:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium next two days. High for improved conditions on Saturday. Falling from Sunday afternoon regarding whether Atlantic fronts will try to make progress east into the country, but more likely scenario will be as described below.

Headline for Thursday 28 Jan 2021: Cloudy with snow spreading north, becoming persistent and heavy with blizzards and strong easterly winds. Access roads becoming difficult.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
High Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
<05%	10%	10%	10%	50%	70%	80%	80%

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Weather: A dry night with sharp frost in the glens though cloud thickening towards Glen Affric by dawn. Some morning sunshine in the far north towards Ben Hope but elsewhere soon clouding over with occasional snow spreading slowly from the south, but not reaching the far north. The snow becoming more persistent and quite heavy especially over Ben Wyvis and the eastern side of the Northwest Highlands towards the Great Glen, but occasionally quite heavy over Skye too though here rain at lowest levels. Some difficulties on access roads. The strong easterly winds will bring blizzards and white-out conditions to the mountains.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Medium at first, and in the far north, but otherwise very little chance once the snow arrives.

Visibility: Poor or very poor, nil in white-out conditions. Cloud widely down to 450-750m though more broken at first in the north. Mainly good in the far north where it stays dry.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	34/47 E	31/42 E	36/47 E	33/45 E	29/41 E	31/42 E	36/48 E	36/47 E	33/45 E
900	37/51 E	33/45 E	35/47 E	33/45 E	30/41 E	32/43 E	34/46 E	33/45 E	31/43 E
600	24/39 E	23/36 E	24/38 E	24/37 E	22/36 E	23/35 E	24/36 E	23/36 E	22/35 E
300	15/31 E	17/30 E	14/32 E	13/31 E	12/30 E	12/30 E	12/33 E	12/33 E	12/31 E
Glen	22/36 E	21/34 E	21/34 E	19/32 E	19/32 E	19/33 E	20/34 E	20/35 E	19/33 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-16	-6/-15	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-16	-5/-15
900	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-5/-14	-5/-14
600	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10
300	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6
Glen	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very wintry conditions, even to road level.

Forecast for Friday 29 Jan 2021
Weather: Further snow overnight and into the morning but gradually easing light, then brightening up from the north during the morning with sunny spells, but a few snow showers over Ben Hope and Ben Loyal.

Maximum wind: East becoming northeast 30 gusts 40mph then easing 25mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first but impoving good by afternoon away from any showers.

Visibility: Very poor in snow with cloud at 500-800m becoming good in the clearer conditions spreading south in the morning, briefly falling in showers in the far north

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero and falling to Minus 4 or lower in the evening.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius falling Minus 7 in the evening.
Freezing level: 300m and falling to all levels by evening.

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